

## REMARKS

### ***Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112***

The Examiner rejected 35-43 and 45 as indefinite. The Examiner in particular objected to the wording of claim 35 stating that it is unclear what limitations in the claim are pertaining to the nozzle itself. In view of this objection, the wording of claim 35 has been amended so that the features of the nozzle are defined only in terms of the nozzle itself. It is believed that the other claims were rejected only because of their dependency on claim 35, so that no amendment of these claims is required.

### ***Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102 & 103***

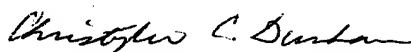
The Examiner rejected claims 17-30, 33, 34, 46 for anticipation or obviousness over cited prior art. These claims have been cancelled without prejudice and without abandonment of the subject matter of these claims.

### ***Claim Objection***

The Examiner objected to claims 31 and 32 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but indicated that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Despite this, these claims have been cancelled without prejudice and without abandonment of the subject matter of these claims.

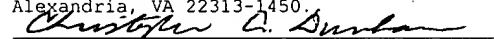
With these amendments, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable action is accordingly courteously requested.

Respectfully,



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